

Baxter Springs News

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BAXTER SPRINGS - KANSAS

The sleeping sickness is increasing in Philadelphia.

This is the season when fish is considered a fine brain food.

The harem skirt seems destined to a short life and an exciting one.

In Russia they call the harem skirt a "jupeculotte." That ought to kill it.

Our notion of the height of folly is an all attempt to shoot up an ocean liner.

The crusade against the housefly this year is to be exceedingly strenuous.

Man has worn the trousers too long to allow women to appropriate them without protest.

Sleeping sickness is said to be carried by gold-fish. Don't allow your gold-fish to run at large.

Among those who are not kicking about the weather are the youthful sportsmen who play "mbs."

Black frost has killed the Georgia peach crop, though perhaps white frost would have been as bad.

Despite electricity in its various uses, the mule goes right on becoming every year more valuable.

Jail sentences should not be confined to women smugglers. The male wholesalers should get their share.

Paris affirms that modistes are born and not made. It is a pity that hats and gowns do not come the same way.

A new revolution is threatened in Turkey. It begins to look as if Turkey must have Spanish blood in its veins.

A Chicago mail order house has just shipped 10,000 alarm clocks to China. What China really wants is something to eat.

One man predicts the end of the world in 1912 and another sees the coming of the millennium in 1915. One of them must be wrong.

A Danish warship going to Greenland will be the first craft of that kind to enter the arctic circle. Let us hope it will not get cold feet.

If radium is to become the rival of coal as a heat producer the coal producers think that their article should be nearer the price demanded for the rival article.

An American girl is alleged to have paid \$25,000 for a handkerchief in Paris a few days ago. Foolish maiden. She might have bought an interest in a French count for that price.

A lady who seems to have investigated reports that one may live to be 150 years old if one will take the precaution to avoid the use of heavy underwear. She is likely to get in bad with the wool producers.

There is a natural precedent to support the tale of the New York dog which is turning black as the result of eating a black kitten. Plenty of human beings eat crow and, as a rule, it makes them look black.

Another kidnapper has just been sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment. At this rate of effective justice the kidnappers, when they regain their liberty, will find their peculiar industry among the lost arts.

An investigation recently brought out the fact that students of a well-known college are being supplied with skim milk. If the theory is correct that men are what they eat, no wonder need be expressed at the opinion lately delivered by a prominent lecturer that the colleges are turning out crooks.

It is proposed in Nevada to allow a prisoner sentenced to death to make choice between hanging or an instant and painless poison. Taken in connection with his willingness to sever unpleasant marital bonds for any old reason, this new proceeding certainly establishes past argument that the State of Nevada has a most obliging disposition.

A Gotham magistrate complimented in his court a wife who resented a beating with a forcible remonstrance conveyed by a stove lid. If all wives were so resourceful with the family furniture there would be no need of the whipping post, and even the sentimentalists could not complain that a wife injured her husband's self-respect by not taking her beatings with patient submission.

The students of a well-known woman's college will probably be thrown into spasms of indignation by the statement of one of them that plain girls go to college to try to compete with rivals more endowed with natural gifts in the matrimonial market—that pretty and attractive girls do not need college training to secure husbands. This frank confession will not help to popularize college education, nor the opponents, either, of such startling candid theories.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Keep your fowls hungry.

Pork is too high not to feed right.

Concrete is an excellent material for silo building.

Examine the eggs with the egg-tester before setting them.

Whatever breed is chosen, a pure-bred ram should be used.

In raising onions for commercial purposes a large bulb is desirable.

In caring for pigeons one should go about quietly and never frighten them.

One of the easiest ways of making money on the farm is by rearing sheep.

In planting a young orchard see that the trees are properly pruned before set.

Hot mashes on cold days are on the feeding program of many successful poultry raisers.

This is a good time to figure up accounts for the year and see what the chicken business has done for us.

Sheep farming is a profitable branch to follow where land can be had for about fifteen to twenty-five dollars per acre.

Do not dispose of too many early pullets for fattening purposes—they are your principal assets for another season.

A hen is a good thing, but too much of a good thing is a bad thing. Two hundred hens are enough for the average farm.

The sow should be given warm milfed slop, made fresh for each meal, whole oats and a little sound corn twice a day.

Cows approaching calving should be placed in roomy box stalls, given a good dry bed of leaves or straw and not interfered with.

If the breeders are in poor condition you will get many eggs that do not hatch well or that produce puny or weakling chicks.

The right time to castrate pigs is a week or so before they are weaned, if healthy; if delicate, wait a week or so until they are stronger.

Raw potatoes are greatly relished by chicks and may be fed freely. Cut them in good-sized chunks and let the chicks have them to pick at.

It is very well to sow a piece of rye early in the fall for the ewes that have lambs to pasture off in the spring before grass is ready for them.

The squab of the best breed is ready for market when about four weeks old. At this age it is in prime condition. It does not gain much afterward.

Forage or salad crops for poultry greens should preferably be grown with stable manure. This applies to clover, cabbage, lettuce, salad turnips, mangels, etc.

Fertile eggs from the incubators tested out on the fifth to seventh days can often be sold to bakers if sold for just what they are. They are good for cooking purposes.

This is the time to give the boy a few acres to farm with a team, and seeds, and see what he will make of it. It will make him feel like a man and bind him to the farm.

It will not be long now till the first haying. Get all of the haying machinery and tools ready for the work, so that there will be no delay when the hay is ready to harvest.

Many farmers say there is no money in raising ducks and geese, but F. S. Jacoby, assistant in poultry husbandry at the Kansas State Agricultural College, says this is a mistake.

Mr. C. O. Garrett, of Iowa, says: "Lime-sulphur is the best stock-dip I have ever used. It is very much superior to many dips now on the market, being more effective and more durable, and it is absolutely not injurious."

Breeding birds which begin the work of egg production near the time the eggs are required for incubation will ordinarily give stronger germs and better chicks than can be obtained from hens which have been laying for months.

Sheep increase the value of a farm.

Ducks and geese are easier to raise than chickens.

Breeding young ewes leads to a weakening of the flock.

The lack of protein is a direct cause of mature pullets not laying.

Dairying is one of the profitable lines in which a farmer can engage.

Assorting market eggs according to size and color is a good business move.

Sheep will eat many kinds of wild grasses. They thrive in dry, mild climates.

If protein is supplied freely there will be abundance of eggs from the same flock.

Use a good lice paint on the roosts in the morning and repeat every two or three weeks.

Make up your mind to grow at least a part of the poultry food on the home farm this season.

If the hens do not lay well it may be solely because they are not intelligently managed or fed.

A bull tied in the stall will get lazy and useless, besides making extra work in his care and feed.

A few ears of corn laid in the oven and allowed to parch gives a good occasional variety to the feed.

No matter what kind of floor there is in the poultry house, the main thing is not to let it get damp.

In the production of eggs, as in that of milk, proper feeding is essential to attaining the best results.

A flimsy fence will not restrain a bull—and will cause no end of annoyance especially in a busy season.

Oats will do better on sod land than barley, but neither of them do as well on a tough sod as after corn or potatoes.

Don't sell eggs for hatching until you have tried out eggs from the same pens at home and know they hatch well.

Select out only good, trustworthy hens that can be relied upon as being good sitters. They should be well feathered.

Misshapen eggs will sometimes hatch good chicks, but it is better to choose well-formed eggs with clean, smooth shells.

Handle eggs carefully and avoid rough handling. A bad shaking up of eggs during handling or shipment has spoiled many a hatch.

If you must feed soft food provide a small trough in which to feed it. It becomes a starter of disease when thrown on the ground.

A good way to test a chick food is to place a small quantity on a dish before some husky chicks and note what they leave of it.

Strongly fertile eggs from good, healthy stock will often hatch well and produce good chicks under apparently unfavorable conditions.

The mixture of poultry manure with such materials as sand plaster and kaint or acid phosphate is almost imperative for satisfactory preservation.

The young chicks which are to make our winter layers should be hatched from the middle of March to the middle of May, depending on the breed.

Other things being equal, the breeds belonging to the Mediterranean class of fowls, namely the Leghorns, Minorcas and Hamburgs, are the greatest egg producers.

Hens nests should be cleaned and whitewashed after each hatch before starting another and the old nesting material should be burned. Fight lice now and all the time.

It is all right enough to rear turkeys with the chicken hen if the fool hen wouldn't wean them so early. Then lice are always more troublesome than with turkey hens.

Undoubtedly one of the most remunerative branches of the poultry business for the average poultryman is the production of eggs, combined with the sale of market broilers as a side line.

Land plowed last fall may be sown to oats without again plowing. If sown broadcast sow two bushels to the acre over the plowed ground and harrow them in both ways, then roll to level the land.

When the sow is given a warm, rich slop, or other milk producing feeds just after her pigs are born, a strong milk flow is forced. The new born pigs get too much and have diarrhoea, which often kills them.

It is only through the legumes, and through certain lower orders of plant life with which farmers are not familiar and which we will not discuss now, that the soil has been filled with the nitrogen, which is of the utmost importance in any system of agriculture.

HORTICULTURE



ONE FRUIT GROWER'S CREED

Proposed by School of Extension Department of West Virginia University and is Excellent.

The following creed was proposed by the fruit school of the extension department of the West Virginia university. It is a splendid one:

He who plants a fruit tree professes his faith. It is as if he should say: I believe.

I believe!

I believe in God and in the orderliness of his universe.

I believe in the regular procession of the seasons—spring and summer and autumn and winter.

I believe in the sure succession of youth and winter.

I believe in the unfailing order of blossom-time and fruit-time.

I believe in the permanence of human needs.

I believe in the perpetuity of human institutions.

I believe in the steadfastness of Mother Earth, whose promise of food for her faithful children is a pledge that will not fail.

I believe in work as a divine gift.

I believe in myself.

I believe!

And in this abiding faith I work.

In this faith I plant this tree.

In this faith I dig about its roots and nourish it.

In this faith I will protect it from vermin and disease.

In this faith I will wait for the early and the latter rain.

In the faith I will guard the blossom and the green fruit.

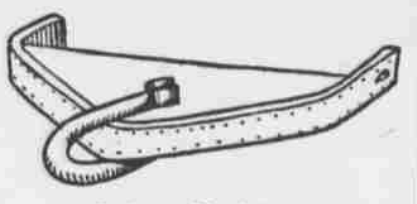
In this faith I will watch for the first blush of the ripening peach and the early tints of the maturing apple.

In this faith I will gather the first fruits with a thankful heart.

SINGLETREE FOR AN ORCHARD

Implement Like One Shown in Illustration Will Prevent Much Injury to Trees by Plowman.

Many a good tree has been ruined by a careless plowman who allowed the end of the singletree to scrape off the bark. It is easy to avoid injury of this kind by making a singletree like



Orchard Singletree.

that shown in the illustration. It is made of a board of hard wood about an inch thick shaped in a curve, and on the outside is nailed a piece of strap or iron with holes in the end for hitching the tugs. An old leather harness tug will answer the purpose almost as well as the iron, but of course will not last so long. A singletree of this kind should be made just wide enough so a horse can walk between the tugs comfortably without rubbing his legs against them.

Substitute for Bordeaux.

"Lime-Sulphur as a Summer Spray," a new bulletin ready for distribution from the New York State College of Agriculture, contains a clean-cut summary, with a brief discussion of the results, obtained by Errett Wallace. They indicate that lime-sulphur is an efficient substitute for bordeaux in the control of apple scab. Some of the important points brought out are: Lime-sulphur will control the apple scab in wet season, as well as in a dry one. A dilution of 1-40 of a concentrate testing 33 degrees Beaume with two pounds arsenate of lead is about right for the apple scab. Arsenate of lead increases the fungicidal value of lime sulphur by 50 per cent. The fungicidal value of sediment in lime-sulphur depends upon magnesium oxide content. The bulletin will be sent only to New York farmers sufficiently interested to make a special request.

The Tulip in Pots.

Some varieties of tulips are well adapted to the flower pot. The Clusiana grows to a height of 18 or 20 inches, with a slender stem. The leaves are long and narrow and the flower sometimes measures two inches across. This variety is of the funnel form, with bright lemon-yellow flowers, with light shading of green or white, sometimes streaked with pink. It is very fragrant, and when properly cultivated is one of the most beautiful of all the tulip family.

The tulip is easy to cultivate, as it thrives well in either heavy or light soil. It does better, however, in rather light soil, well drained and fairly rich. Those grown in heavy, black soil produce smaller flowers and the colors are not nearly so bright.

Plant Grape Cuttings Early. Plant grape cuttings very early in the spring—as early as the ground can be worked. The cutting should slant a little, and only have one bud above the ground.

Protect the Birds. Protect the birds and if you have cats that are liable to kill the birds get rid of the cats.

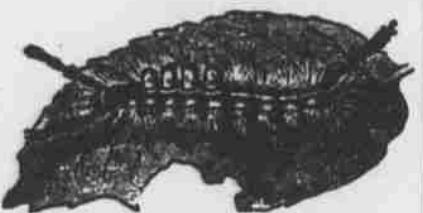
FACTS ABOUT TUSSOCK MOTH

When Full Grown It is One of Our Most Beautiful Caterpillars—Methods for Combating Insect.

When full grown the white marked tussock moth is one of our most beautiful caterpillars, immediately recognized by the four white tufts or tussocks on back. The head is bright coral red, and the body marked with longitudinal yellow, gray and black lines. Below the caterpillar is yellow. There are two tufts of black projecting forward from above the head. At the posterior end of the body there is one hairy "horn."

This "worm" when full grown has been feeding for a month and is about an inch long. At that time it spins for itself a hairy cocoon. This may be on the tree where it has been feeding or upon other trees or upon buildings, fences, etc. Two weeks are spent in this cocoon, at the expiration of which time the moth emerges. The male moth is gray. The female moth has no wings. She lays eggs in a whitish mass on her cocoon and then dies. This egg mass with the cocoon is a conspicuous object and when it is known that the eggs of the female number from 200 to 400 the importance of gathering and destroying the egg masses before hatching is very apparent. This pest is a general feeder, a variety of trees and vines suffering from its depredations.

The methods for combating the tussock moth are collecting and destroying the egg masses. On large trees, where these cannot be reached moisten them with a sponge saturated with creosote and tied to a pole. Spraying with arsenicals (arsenite of lead, 3 pounds to 50 gallons of water is best) at a time when they are eating



White Marked Tussock Caterpillar.

the leaves. To prevent caterpillars from ascending, keep trunks of trees banded with cotton, or some sticky material, such as tree tanglefoot. In cases of bad infestation combine some or all of the above remedies.

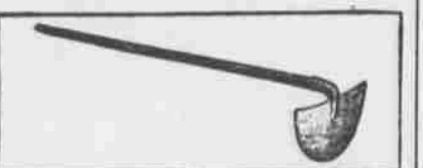
All leaf-eating insects may be killed with arsenical sprays or by hand picking or by cutting off the infested twig and destroying the insects thereon, or by burning their colonies or webs by means of a torch on a pole, or by crushing them with the gloved hand.

The intelligent care of trees is a great aid in our battle with the insects. A tree planted in good soil, vigorous and thrifty, well protected from injury, stands a better chance than one not so favored. A shade tree injured by horses driven by thoughtless boys and others, a young tree scarred by a lawn mower, or a large one either murdered by cut-throat linemen in running electric wires or burnt by contact with such wires invites attack, as does also a tree pruned in the wrong way.

HOW TO MAKE A HEAVY HOE

Excellent Implement for Use in Orchard May Be Made From Old Shovel—Long Handle Is Needed.

An old shovel which has been worn down will make a fine heavy hoe for use in the orchard, says a writer in the Popular Mechanics. The shovel



Made From an Old Shovel.

handle is removed and the shank heated and bent to the required angle. A long handle is fitted into the shank and fastened. The hoe when completed is good for heavy work.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES

Interest the children in the making and planting of apple root grafts.

Provide for the future by planning a small strawberry patch this spring. The earlier sweet peas are sown the larger the number of flowers produced.

In every case the trees should be sprayed thoroughly and evenly to accomplish the best results.

Hardy hydrangeas bloom on the current year's growth. To grow large heads cut the canes back heavily.

To kill the San Jose scale spray the trees with lime-sulphur wash, or a soluble oil, just before the buds start to swell.

Jack Frost hasn't any terror for the poppy. Just sow the seeds on the surface of the soil and give the flowers an early start.

Asters can be planted in rows of white and lavender with very pleasing results, provided the same kind is used in each row.

The best strawberry fertilizer should be one containing eight per cent. of phosphoric acid, three per cent. of ammonia and ten per cent. of pure potash.

The chrysanthemums that produce the largest flowers are started early. Propagate by cuttings taken from the mothers of the plants held over from last fall.

SOLD THE WORLD OVER



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HIS INVOCATION A SUCCESS

Actor Finally Got the Gas Man Awakened and Attending to His Duties.

"Years ago," says Guy Bates Post, the actor, "I appeared in an amateur performance of a play that had a distinct religious flavor. The leading player had studied for the ministry and had a deep and sonorous voice. In one of the scenes the lights were supposed to be turned down and a raging storm simulated. The accompanying lines were:

"Oh, Lord, deliver us from the powers of darkness."

"The leading man spoke the lines, but darkness didn't follow. He spoke them again, and still the stage was distressingly light. Finally he roared:

"Oh, Lord, deliver us from the power of darkness, and also give that fool gas man sense enough to turn down the lights."

"The gas lights went down and the audience roared."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

His Destiny.

"I wish Willie had been born a girl!"

"Why?"

"Oh, he is such a cry baby! I wish I could do something to stop his sniveling at everything that comes up."

"To stop it? Encourage it, you mean! Nature evidently intended that boy for a United States senator."

Shop Talk.

The Customer (quite seriously)—An' how's your liver today, sor?

The Butcher—Fine and dandy, Mrs. Flaherty—and only 15 cents a pound!

Health is the greatest of all possessions, and 'tis a maxim with me that a hale cobbler is a better man than a sick king.—Bickerstaff.

It is the doing, not the saying, that makes the hero.

COFFEE CONGESTION Causes a Variety of Ails.

A happy old lady in Wisconsin says:

"During the time I was a coffee drinker I was subject to sick headaches, sometimes lasting 2 or 3 days, totally unfitting me for anything."

To this affliction was added, some years ago, a trouble with my heart that was very painful, accompanied by a smothering sensation and faintness.

"Dyspepsia, also, came to make life harder to bear. I took all sorts of patent medicines but none of them helped me for any length of time."

"The doctors frequently told me that coffee was not good for me; but without coffee I felt as if I had no breakfast. I finally decided about 2 years ago to abandon the use of coffee entirely, and as I had read a great deal about Postum I concluded to try that for a breakfast beverage."

"I liked the taste of it and was particularly pleased to notice that it did not 'come up' as coffee used to. The bad spells with my heart grew less and less frequent, and finally ceased altogether, and I have not had an attack of sick headache for more than a year. My digestion is good, too, and I am thankful that I am once more a healthy woman. I know my wonderful restoration to health came from quitting coffee and using Postum."

Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is this. Coffee has a direct action on the liver with some people, and causes partial congestion of that organ preventing the natural outlet of the secretions. Then may follow biliousness, sallow skin, headaches, constipation and finally a change of the blood corpuscles and nervous prostration."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are questions, from, and full of human interest.